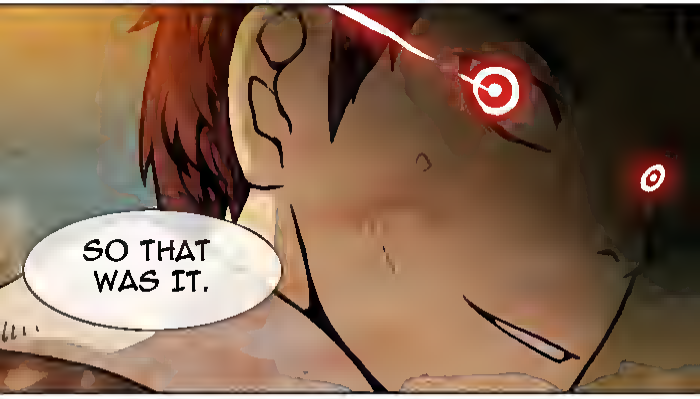
GASP-!


SO THAT WAS IT.

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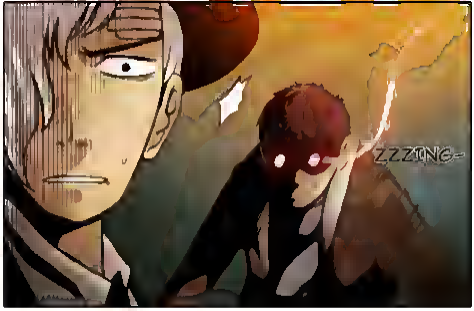
D...DID HE CHANGE THE TARGET...?!

PIT-A-PAT

EVERYONE! RUN AWAY!!!
SWOOSH..!
KEEP RUNNING UNTIL YOU MEET WITH THE REINFORCEMENTS!!!
NERO!!!
BEHIND YOU...!!!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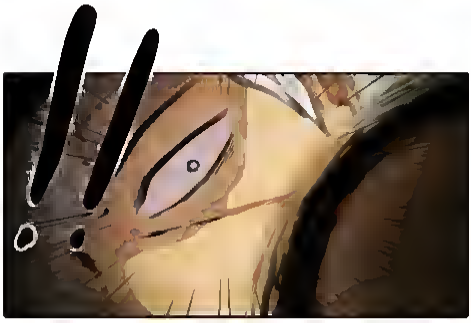

WHAT?!

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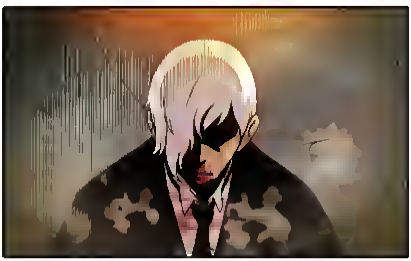
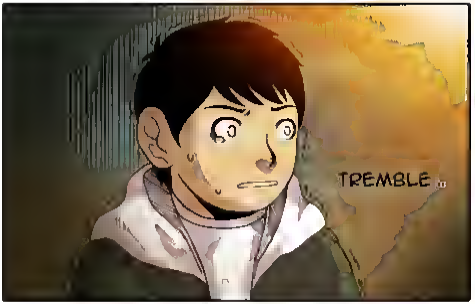
BANG!



SLIDE...

NEKOOI!!


TREMBLE..

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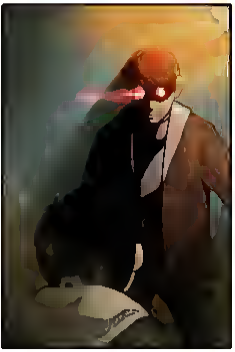
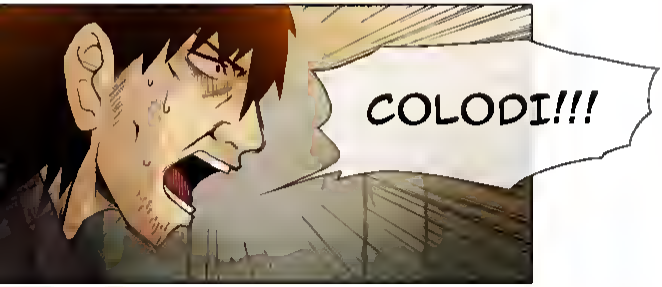
FLINCH!

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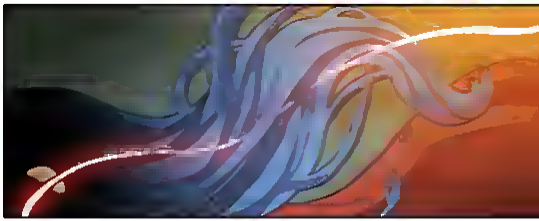
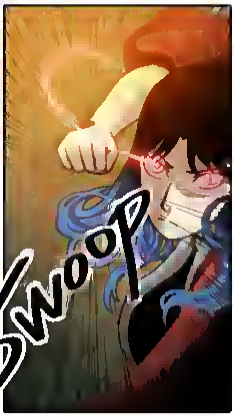


DASH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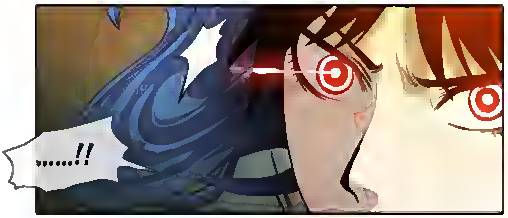
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THAT'S ENOUGH.
TEUP!

MS. WHALE.

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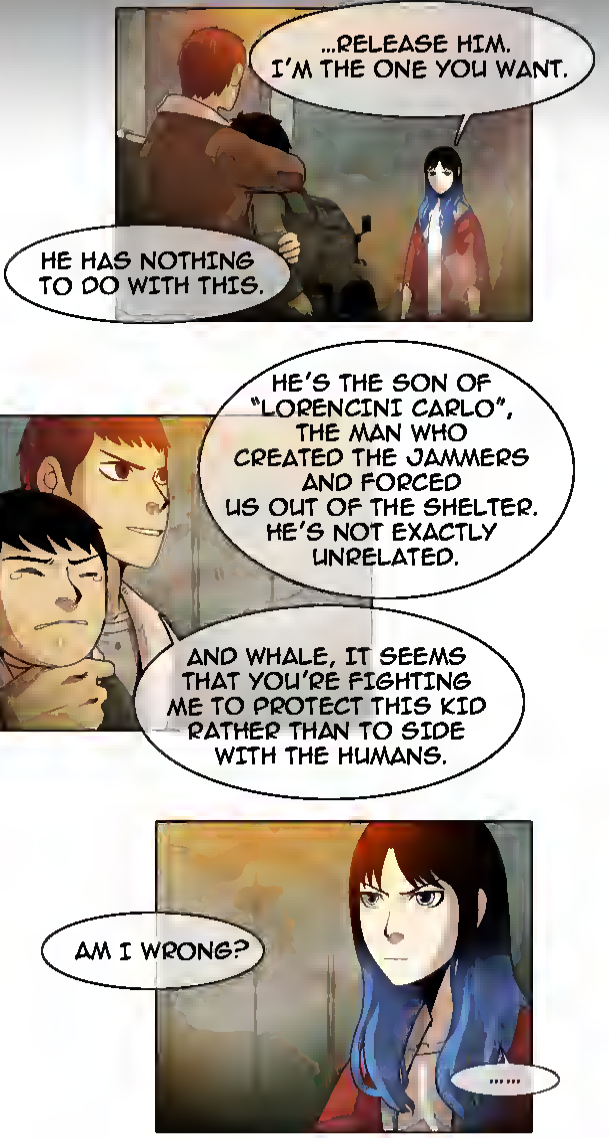
...RELEASE HIM.
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT.
HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
HE'S THE SON OF "LORENCINI CARLO", THE MAN WHO CREATED THE JAMMERS AND FORCED US OUT OF THE SHELTER. HE'S NOT EXACTLY UNRELATED.
AND WHALE, IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING ME TO PROTECT THIS KID RATHER THAN TO SIDE WITH THE HUMANS.
AM I WRONG?
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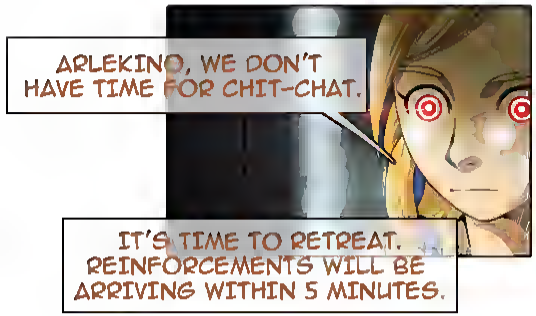
ARLEKINO, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR CHIT-CHAT.
IT'S TIME TO RETREAT. REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE ARRIVING WITHIN 5 MINUTES.

DR. LORENCINI. I'LL SAVE THE PLEASURE OF KILLING YOU FOR LATER.
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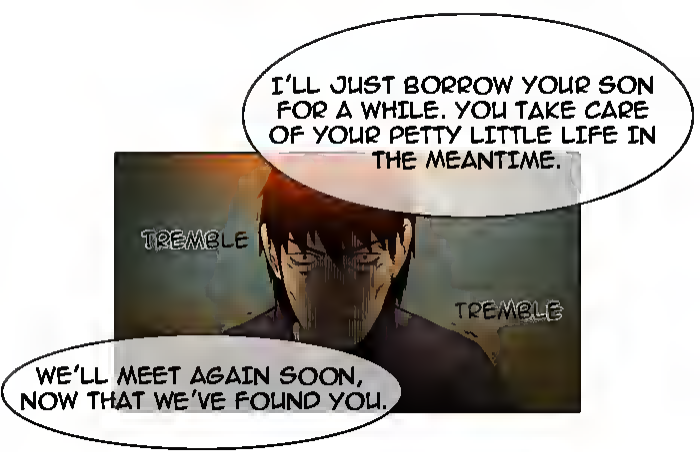
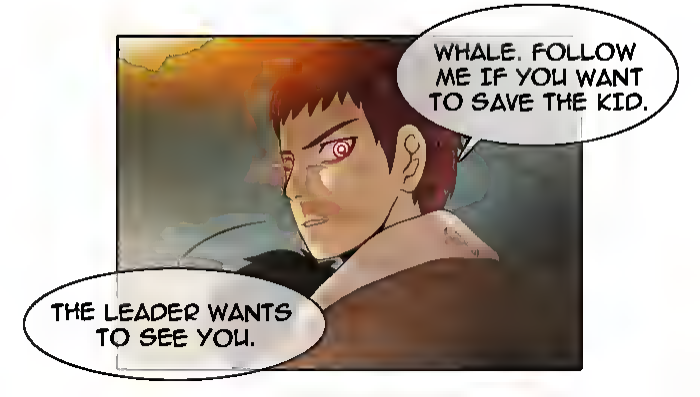
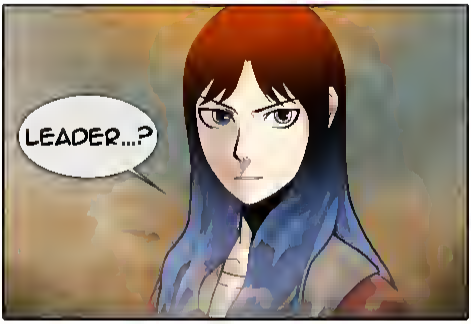
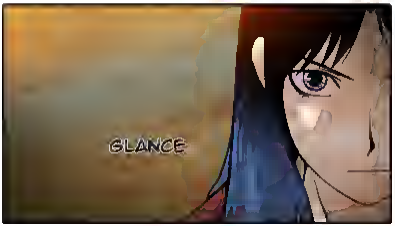

I'LL JUST BORROW YOUR SON FOR A WHILE. YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETTY LITTLE LIFE IN THE MEANTIME.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON, NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND YOU.


WHALE. FOLLOW ME IF YOU WANT TO SAVE THE KID.
THE LEADER WANTS TO SEE YOU.


LEADER...?

YES, THE LEADER OF ALL ANDROIDS...
INCLUDING YOU.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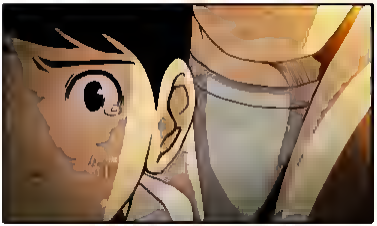

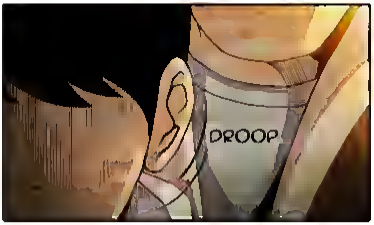
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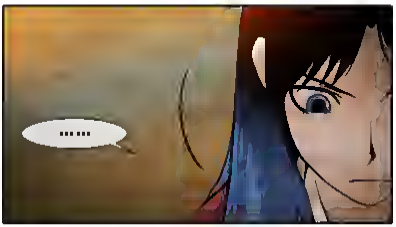
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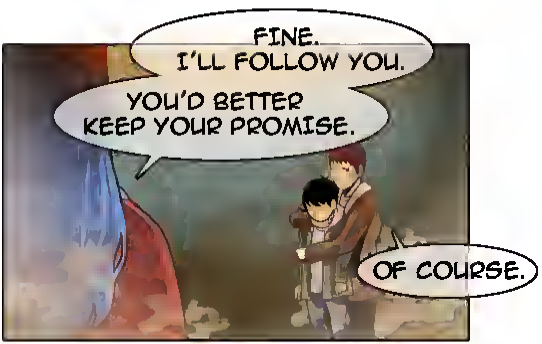
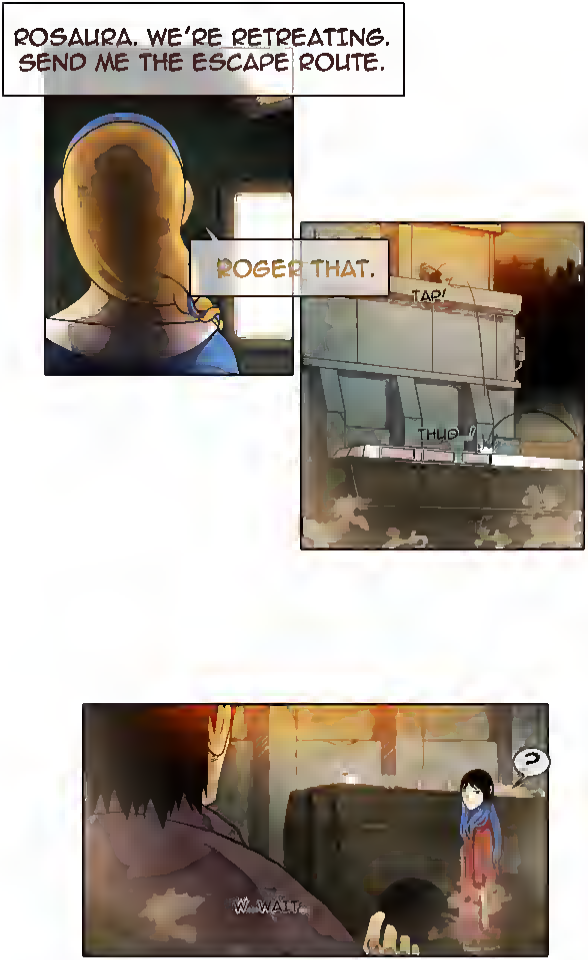

FINE.
I'LL FOLLOW YOU.
YOU'D BETTER
KEEP YOUR PROMISE.
OF COURSE.


ROSAURA. WE'RE RETREATING. SEND ME THE ESCAPE ROUTE.
ROGER THAT.
TAP!
THUD
W..WAIT..
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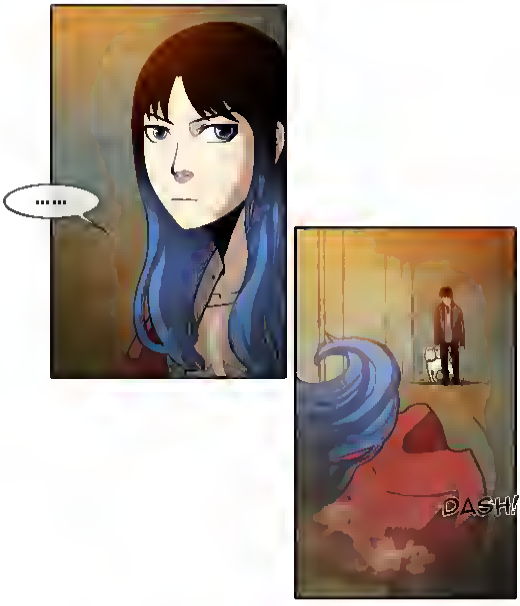
아직…!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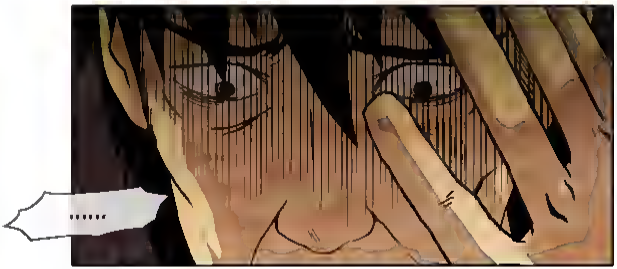
DASH!

LAND!
TEUP!

PITAPAT

WOBBLE

FLOP!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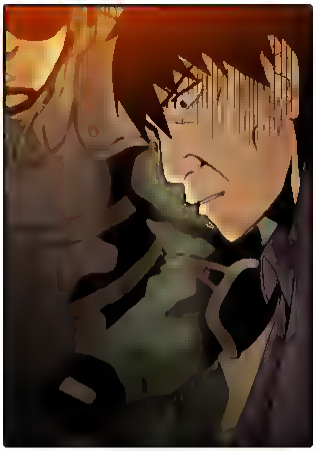
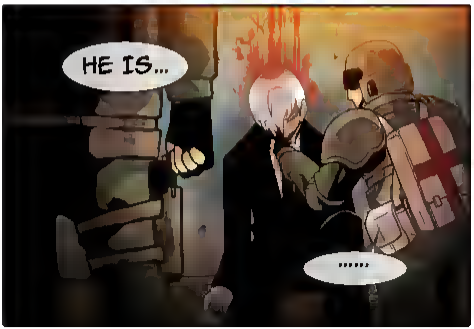
VKoooM

SQUEEEAK-!!
SQUEEEAK-!!
EVERYONE OFF!!
RETRIEVE THE DEAD AND SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS!!
TAP
TAP
SURROUND THE AREA OF OPERATION!!

THE ANDROIDS MIGHT STILL BE HERE.
SEARCH IN SQUADS. KEEP THE JAMMERS READY AT ALL TIMES!

A SURVIVOR FOUND!
MEDIC!!
ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU INJURED?!




HE IS...
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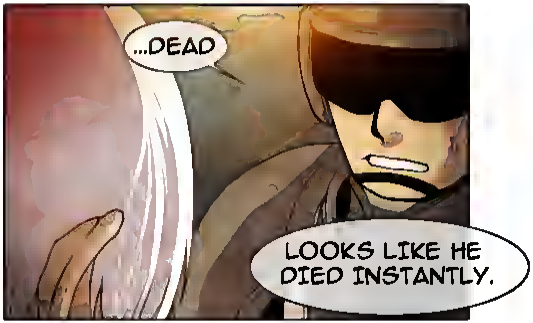
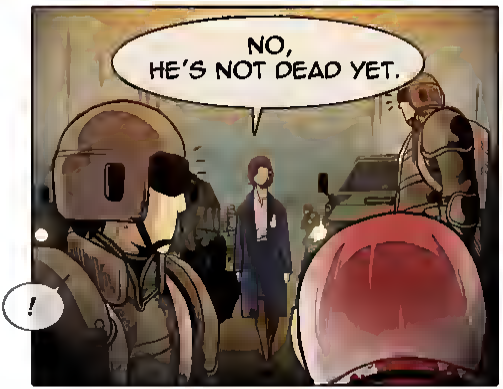

...DEAD
LOOKS LIKE HE DIED INSTANTLY.


NO, HE'S NOT DEAD YET.
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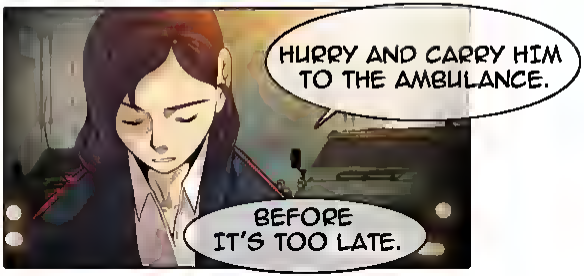
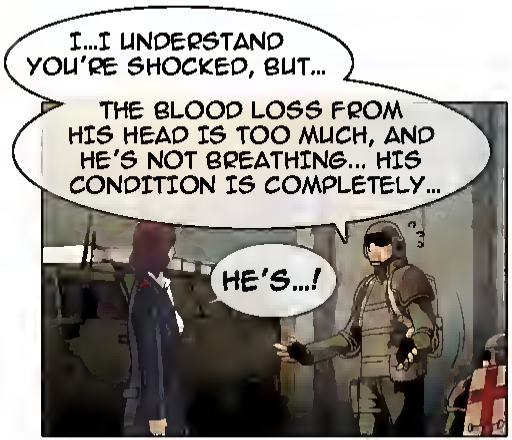

HURRY AND CARRY HIM TO THE AMBULANCE.
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.


I...I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE SHOCKED, BUT...
THE BLOOD LOSS FROM HIS HEAD IS TOO MUCH, AND HE'S NOT BREATHING... HIS CONDITION IS COMPLETELY...
HE'S...!

DEAD, YET!

GEPETTO

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